

The Richlands Town Council held a "Budget Work Session" in the Richlands Council Chambers on April 29, 2021 at 6:00pm with the following present:

Mayor:	Rodney D. Cury
Town Manager:	John O'Daniel
Town Clerk:	Connie Allen
Council Members:	Logan Plaster, Mike Street, Jeff Hurst Richard Brown, Mary Ann Strong, Doug Ratliff
Town Attorney :	K.W. McClanahan – Not Present

Mayor Cury opened the meeting .

Mayor Cury - Turned the meeting over the Town Manager John O'Daniel.

John - Reviewed the Questions that were ask on April 22 Budget Work Session, (emailed information to Councilmembers).

- Cigarette Sales Comparisons compared to surrounding area.
- Leaf/Limb/White Goods – Number of Calls from March 26- April 26, Average Cost Per Call.
- Motor Vehicle License Fee
- Personal Property- List of Towns that do not have Personal Property Tax.
- Utility Billing Cost - Breakdown of cost per bill
- Employee Christmas Meal - Estimate cost per employee

Reviewed the following Departments:

- Police Grants
- Narcotics Task Force
- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Rescue Department
- Street Department
- Sanitation Department
- Recreation Department
- Community and Civic Facilities
- Donations

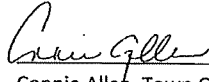
Remarks:

- Police Grants – SRO- Should know if we will get the grant in a couple of weeks.
- Ask John why we did not apply for more than 1500 plus hours on SRO Grant. (Follow-Up)
- Decrease salary wage expense from \$30,000 to \$10,000 to cover events (Police).
- Move \$4,000 from Building Repairs (Finance Office) to Employee Christmas Dinner.
- Doug suggested considering moving Police Dispatch to 911 to save \$250,000.
- John to follow up with Keith Reynolds on needed equipment for Fire Department.
- New Fire Department mentioned.
- Doug asked that each department cut their budget 7%.
- Doug suggested that we auction off the old trucks we have sitting around.
- White Goods - Suggested Council to charge per pick-up vs. monthly fee to all citizens.
- Ask John to check on car motor vehicle fee, regarding difference Tazewell County collects, Town does not collect equal amount to Tazewell County fee (Town \$10 vs. County \$20).
- Move Downtown Activity Budget (\$10,000) to Special Projects council Budget.

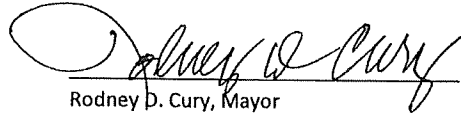
Richard - I make a motion that we Recess the meeting until May 5, Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Mayor Cury- We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Roll Call – Logan- Yes, Mike, Yes, Doug-Yes Mary Ann – Yes, Richard- Yes, Jeff-Yes Motion carries – 6/0.

Mayor Cury – Meeting Recessed until May 5, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Richlands Town Hall.



Connie Allen, Town Clerk



Rodney D. Cury, Mayor